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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, TREASURER,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF HOOKSETT,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1883.

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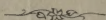
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
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS OF TREASURER.

Amount in hands of treasurer, March 1, 1882	\$45 78
From R. B. Foss, collector for 1881.....	265 00
R. B. Foss. Collector for 1882.....	6,246 00
Insurance tax, 1882	30 00
Railroad tax, 1882	399 86
Savings bank tax. 1882.....	1,293 41
Literary fund 1882.....	108 10
Merrimack county, for support of paupers,	
1881	83 76
Merrimack county. for support of paupers,	
1882	668 03
Rent of town hall, 1882.....	22 00
For Lots in Cemetery.	
J. Philbrick.....	7 50
G. H. L. Head	15 00
Wm. R. Farnham, lot No. 12 So. Hooksett	5 00
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	\$9,189 44

ORDERS PAID BY TREASURER.

Paid state tax for 1882.....	\$1,644 00
County tax for 1882.....	1,876 22
School house tax in district No. 4.....	200 00
S. D. McAfee, note and interest.....	715 20
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	\$4,435 42

SCHOOL MONEY.

Paid school district No. 1.....	\$283 99
“ “ “ 2.....	295 92
“ “ “ 3.....	114 01
“ “ “ 4.....	631 53
“ “ “ 5.....	120 37
“ “ “ 6.....	115 75
“ “ “ 7.....	61 47
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	\$1,623 04

TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Martin L. Otterson balance due for 1881.	\$50 00
George A. Robie, selectman for 1882.....	75 50
Robert B. Neal, “ “ “	91 00
James Huse, “ “ “	33 00
Richard A. Lantry, treasurer for 1882 and settling county tax for 1882.....	21 00
Richard A. Lantry, clerk for 1882.....	30 00
Richard B. Foss, collector.....	165 00
George A. Robie, supt. schools.....	50 00
John W. Prescott, supervisor.....	20 00
Edwin Pronk, “	17 00
Jonathan S. Johnson, “ 1881 and '82..	34 50
George A. Robie, auditor for 1881.....	5 00
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	\$592 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid Augustus C. Martin, abatement for 1881	
and '82.....	\$1 73
Martin L. Otterson, abatement for 1881 acc't	
of error.....	18 45
Concord R. R., abatement for 1882.....	1 00
R. B. Foss, abatement for 1881.....	13 88
C. W. Brigham, " " 1882.....	1 15
Wm. S. Martin, " " "	3 33
Sumner Ordway, " " "	3 02
A. F. Davis, " " "	2 00
R. B. Foss, abatement tax list "	31 56
Benj. Farnum, abatement for "	1 00
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	\$77 12

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid Arthur W. Kimball, labor on highway and	
Plank.....	\$51 56
Nathan Wood labor on highway.....	3 00
Simeon Batchelder labor on highway in 1881	4 75
Simeon Batchelder " " " " 1882	3 00
John Ela, " " "	21 30
George A. Robie & Son supplies furnished	
town bridge.....	6 65
A. N. Osgood plank for bridge.....	10 25
C. M. Wheeler " " "	4 03
Benj. F. Farnum labor on highway.....	9 05
S. McDuffee "	15 00
H. Quimby, "	6 75
H. Rowe, "	27 85
C. Colby, "	1 50
F. Lamarch, "	6 75

E. Simmons, labor on highway,.....	4 50
John Ela, "	7 50
Inde Kimball, "	6 50
L. Severance, "	2 25
Joseph R. Ela, "	14 50
John H. Ela, "	14 25
A. F. Davis, "	9 00
Geo. A. Harriman, "	10 50
Robert B. Neal, "	9 00
Thomas Jones "	5 00
Moses Collins "	7 50
James Donahoe, "	3 44
Mark Rady, "	2 57
Nathan Verrill, "	7 65
James Huse, "	5 50
Wm. H. Otterson, "	12 00
Frank P. Poor, "	9 00
E. T. Wentworth, "	83 04
John M. Kimball, "	14 50
W. S. Wiggin, "	37 15
John W. Kimball, "	13 25
John H. Ela, "	6 00
J. R. Ela, "	4 50
Varnum Ela, "	2 00
A. F. Davis, "	7 75
Frank Libby, "	73 23
Geo. A. Harriman, "	2 25
Irvin Varnum, "	5 70
J. M. Garland, "	2 00
H. Rowe, "	9 00
William Hardy, "	3 50
G. W. Wentworth, "	1 50

E. T. Wentworth, labor on highway.....	4 50
John Fitz, " 	2 25
Alfred T. Martin, " and cash	
paid out.....	37 52
J. S. Garland labor on highway.....	4 00
R. B. Neal " " " 	8 76
W. S. Wiggin, " " " 	9 00
Arthur Kimball, " " " 	20 75
E. G. Libby, " " " 	14 65
Nonresident tax paid in labor	110 39
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	\$779 29

MISCELLANEOUS TOWN EXPENSES.

Paid Thos. H. Tuson, printing town reports '81	\$16 00
F. C. Towle, goods delivered Badger.....	1 30
F. C. Towle, oil and chimneys for bridge....	1 66
Staniels & Allison, insurance on lobby	5 00
State Industrial School, maintenance of Otis	
H. Martin.....	10 50
Jesse Cate, damage in crossing land.....	10 00
James H. Megin, police service for 1881....	5 00
Sanborn Carriage Co., repairing and paint-	
ing hearse.....	54 50
Chas. Colby, public watering place for 1881.	3 00
George W. Gordon Post G. A. R., for deco-	
rating soldiers' graves.....	50 00
H. Bonney, house rent for Mrs. R. R. Ordway	24 00
Scott S. Eastman, public watering place for	
1881 and 1882	6 00
M. Clark, damages awarded by county com...	22 11
Pierce Porter, labor in cemetery.....	50

J. R. Kimball, returning births and deaths..	2 25
Thomas A. Lane, sewer pipe.....	33 55
G. H. Silsby & Son, inventory books.....	2 00
Edwin Pronk, care of tramps and police duty	22 64
Edwin Pronk, care of town hall and oil and chimneys	9 22
Morrill & Danforth, insurance on town bridge	60 00
W. M. Davis, wood del'd Mrs. Dana Ordway	11 25
W. M. Davis, 200 fence posts.....	24 00
R. B. Neal, services as policeman for 1881..	4 00
R. B. Neal, public watering place for 1882 ..	3 00
E. C. Eastman, blank books and stationery..	9 46
Joseph Berger, boarding Mrs C. Roby.....	24 00
V. M. Gile, boarding J. W. Gile children...	159 00
Geo. A. Robie, taking affidavits.....	3 50
N. K. Lawrence, taking care of town hall wood and oil.....	17 40
E. E. Goodale, attending pauper funerals and labor in cemetery	14 00
John W. Prescott, attending funerals and taking care of hearse.....	50 00
John Wheeler, public watering place for 1882.	3 00
P. F. Brown, expense of trial and commit- ting H. Clark and A. Champaine.....	27 17
Albert Ruemely, printing bills.....	1 75
Abram Mitchell, public watering place for '82	3 00
Merrimack county, boarding Isaac Norris from September 1st to May 1st 1882 34 weeks and 6 days.....	104 00
Dr. F. D. Randall, returning births and deaths	5 00
S. D. McAfee, goods delivered Mrs. Clark..	7 22

R. A. Lantry, cash paid and labor laying sewer pipe.....	10 00
R. A. Lantry, services as police for 1882....	1 00
Martin L. Otterson, for services	4 00
Thomas H. Tuson, printing check list.....	9 00
A. W. Prescott, public watering place for '82	3 00
A. J. Sawyer, plank for bridge	6 25
J. M. Garland, public watering place for 1882	3 00
F. C. Towle, chandeliers and lamps for town hall	15 00
J. H. Megin, services as policeman for '82..	5 00
S. B. Chandler, lighting town bridge for 1882	36 50
J. H. Megin, damage to sleigh	5 00
G. A. Robie, cash paid for postage & express	6 39
D. S. Jones, team to Concord.	2 00
Natt & W. F. Head, public watering place for 1881 and 1882	6 00
Geo. A. Robie, bounty paid on crows	1 70
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	\$923 72

COUNTY EXPENSES.

Paid support of county paupers \$568 63

TOTAL AMOUNT OF EXPENDITURES.

Paid state tax.....	\$1,644 00
County "	1,876 22
School house tax.....	200 00
Town officers.....	592 00
School money.....	1,623 04

Support of county paupers.....	668 03
Roads and bridges.....	779 29
Miscellaneous town expenses.....	923 82
Abatement of taxes.....	77 12
S. D. McAfee, note with interest.....	715 20
Cash on hand March 1, 1883.....	90 72
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	\$9,189 44
To cash on hand	\$90 72

RICHARD A. LANTRY, *Treasurer.*

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN.

Due Merrimack county for board of Isaac Norris
from May 1st 1882 to March 1st 1883.... \$130 00

AMOUNT DUE THE TOWN.

Amount due from Geo. H. Tufts for board in asylum.	\$38 17
Amount due from Merrimack County for sup- port of paupers since Feb. 1st 1883.	25 00
From H. H. Gile, collector for 1877.	463 60
R. B. Foss, collector for 1881 and 1882.	522 03

LOTS IN CEMETERY.

A. I. Lawrence.	6 00
J. Philbrick.	7 50
H. C. Carbee.	15 00
G. W. Haselton.	15 00
S. T. Goodale.	15 00
G. M. Hobbs.	6 00
Alvin Robinson.	9 00
John Labonta.	6 00
C. F. Kimball.	5 00
Frank Lawrence.	5 00
Amount in treasury.	90 72
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	\$1,229 03

Balance in favor of town. \$1,099 03

GEORGE A. ROBIE,	} <i>Selectmen of</i>
ROBERT B. NEAL,	
JAMES HUSE,	
	<i>Hooksett.</i>

I hereby certify that I have examined the Treasurer's and Selectmen's accounts, and find the same correctly cast and properly vouched.

FRANK C. TOWLE, *Auditor.*

Hooksett, N. H., March 3, 1883.

SCHOOL REPORT.

According to custom and the requirements of law we herewith submit a brief statement of the condition of the schools in town the past year. Accepting the appointment of committee with many misgivings as to our ability to perform its various duties in a proper manner, and fearing somewhat that we might not be able to devote as much time to the various claims of the office as the good of our schools might require. We have however endeavored to attend the usual duties imposed on us by law according to our best judgement, but not without some embarrassment. It is with pleasure that we can report that as a whole the schools during the past year have been successful and the improvement commendable. Our teachers for the most part have been those well qualified and skilful in imparting instruction, and parents so far as we know have lent their hearty co-operation. Those upon whom has rested the duty of procuring teachers have been very fortunate in their selections. We have been pleased to notice that most districts have manifested a desire to secure the services of those teachers whom they have proved, and in many instances they have been successful. We think the same teacher will accomplish much more in the same length of time in a school, after having taught one term, than if a stranger to the capacities and attainments of the scholars: hence the second, though a shorter term, may be quite as profitable as the first with the same

teacher; besides, in changing teachers, if possible you risk getting a poorer one. We feel that it is proper for us to suggest that we believe it is for the best interest of all to retain teachers who have well and faithfully performed their duties for more than one term. It has been a pleasing feature among the schools in town this year that at the closing examination of each term quite a goodly number of the citizens, friends and parents, and especially mothers, were in attendance. We hope this practice will increase more and more. It has been one of the most difficult labors of your committee to keep that part of the school arrangement relating to text *books* in its proper place. Owing to the increased number of authors of the present day we find it hard to decide which of the many text books in use are best adapted to our schools. We are flooded with book agents, pamphlets and circulars of all descriptions, each showing the merits of their works and the demerits of those in use, and urging the necessity of a change; but we have deemed it best not to make any change, only in one or two instances where we thought it was absolutely necessary that a change should be made. Your committee is happy to mention the visit of Hon. J. W. Patterson Supt. of Public Instruction, whose visit to two of our schools, though short, were full of instruction. The gratification of the committee, teachers and scholars was no greater than the satisfaction expressed by him in the general appearance of our schools. Mr. Patterson having had long experience as a teacher can at once read the character of a school. His visit so profitable to us will long be remembered. The public lecture in

the evening although not so well attended as we could wish was highly appreciated and the theories advanced were such as to meet the views of all who have the welfare of our common schools at heart.

We have for a long time been of the opinion that the present system of distributing the school money is unequal and tends to deprive a large number of our children of an education which they otherwise would have did they not happen to live just over the district line. and in a district where there is only money enough to have a *good school* for about eight weeks in a year, and with every prospect that the sum apportioned to such district will be less in the future. We are of the opinion that the best way to remedy this matter, is for the town to abolish the district system entirely and place the whole school arrangement in the hands of a competent school board whose duty it shall be to have the entire charge of the schools and the distribution of funds appropriated for school purposes. Or if this change can not be brought about, there is another way which it can be remedied in part, and one which we should favor, and that is for some of these districts that have but a small amount of money uniting with those that are well supplied with school funds; this could be done by No. 7 forming a union with No. 4. We can see but a slight objection to this union, to be sure, it would necessitate some travel for the scholars in No. 7 to attend the village school; but there are ample accommodations for them and the benefit they would derive will pay them for their labors. These suggestions may seem a little extravagant to some; but what we wish to see, and trust the time is not far distant when every scholar in

town, regardless of where they may live, shall be on an equality, one with the other, in receiving the benefits to be derived from the money appropriated by the town for the support of our schools.

With these remarks we will pass to notice the condition of the schools in the several districts.

DISTRICT No. 1.

N. C. GAULT, Prudential Committee.

Miss Addie C. Prescott of this town who taught in this district last year to the general satisfaction of parents and scholars, has again had charge of this school, which, at the time of writing this report, is in session. In no school in town have we found scholars that have made such rapid advancement as in this school. The gentlemanly and ladylike deportment of the scholars, the government and discipline of the school, and the manner of conducting the recitations are worthy of much praise and ranks Miss Prescott among our best teachers.

DISTRICT No. 2.

J. S. BURBANK, Prudential Committee.

This school has been taught the entire year by Miss Elta E. Hatch of Manchester. This was Miss Hatch's second year in this school, and she fully sustained her former reputation as a successful teacher. She has an easy efficient manner in conducting her recitations and is much interested in her work and has the entire confidence of her scholars. Her school was in every way a profitable one. It was our pleasure to be present at a public exhibition given by this school at the close of the last term, which reflected much credit upon both teacher and scholars. The exercises were very interesting and at their close the teacher was presented with a writing desk and other articles of value by the scholars.

DISTRICT No. 3.

E. T. WENTHWORTH, Prudential Committee.

The teacher here, Mrs. Ida M. Davison of Candia, succeeded to the general satisfaction of the district. This was Mrs. Davison's first attempt at teaching, and she lacked that advantage which can only be had by experience. There was a lack of order in the school during the first term and very little progress made. The next term there was a commendable effort made on the part of the teacher to preserve order, and at the close of the school there was a marked evidence that much had been accomplished in that direction. Should Mrs. Davison continue to follow teaching we have no doubt as to her success as a teacher.

DISTRICT No. 4.

ORIN J. PRESCOTT, Prudential Committee.

The primary school was under the charge of Miss Jennie B. Abbott of West Concord, who is too well known as a teacher to require any comments from us having taught twenty-nine terms in this school. We consider her school one of the best in town and wish that every parent in town could have been present at the closing examination. Her services in this district, continuing so long a time, are highly appreciated by all. as the testimonials of respect, presented to her by the school at its close, will testify, consisting of fifteen volumes of Dickens' works and a photograph album.

The grammar school was under the instruction of the same teacher as last year, Miss Ellen J. Brickett of Thetford, Vt. Miss Brickett is a thorough practical teacher. Every class showed the thoroughness and skillful manner in which she had performed her work. The closing examination was well attended by parents and citizens. Miss Brickett received substantial tokens of love and respect from her scholars at the close of the school, consisting of a photograph album, napkin ring, and pen holder.

DISTRICT No. 5.

S. S. EASTMAN, Prudential Committee.

This school has been taught the entire year by Miss Fannie A. Prescott of this town. This district was very fortunate in securing the services of so able and competent a teacher as Miss Prescott. The closing examination showed that the scholars were thorough and interested in their lessons. Her school was a model one in every respect. She was kindly remembered by her scholars at the close of the school, by being presented with a volume of Whittier's poems, as a token of their love.

DISTRICT No. 6.

STEPHEN McDUFFEE, Prudential Committee.

The Summer term was under the charge of Miss Hattie M. Ellis of Andover, Mass. This was Miss Ellis' first effort in the school room. She appeared to possess a respectable qualification to teach, but not having had experience in teaching, and lacking somewhat of energy to govern and discipline her school, we found at the closing examination that it had not been a very profitable one.

The prudential committee, Mr. McDuffee, died soon after the close of the summer term and W. H. Otterson was appointed to fill the vacancy.

The Winter term was taught by Mrs. Flora M. Austin a resident of the district. Mrs. Austin is an experienced practical teacher, and the district did well in securing her services. She taught a good school and the scholars showed a commendable improvement.

DISTRICT No. 7.

J. H. HARTFORD, Prudential Committee.

The Summer term was taught by Miss Inez A. Fuller of this town. Your committee was unable to visit this school at its commencement, and our engagements were

such that we could not be present at the closing examination. But from the character of the teacher employed, and from the report of both parents and scholars, the presumption is that the school was a prosperous one.

The Fall term was under the instruction of Miss Ida Merrill of Pembroke. Miss Merrill is an excellent teacher and all of the classes showed that she had been thorough in her instructions. There was a good number of visitors present at the closing examination, and an expression of satisfaction was manifested by all as to the progress made.

GEORGE A. ROBIE,

Supt. School Committee.

Hooksett, N. H., March 1, 1883.

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